

Scotland.

SUTHERLAND AND CARTINNESS.

The estates of Skibo have been bought by Mr. E. C. Sutherland Walker, of Aberarder, for the sum of £190,000.

Engineers are examining the grounds of Skinnet, Thurso, for lead, and the fields of Aenvarasdale for iron.

A cricket match was recently played at Thurso, between 7 tailors and 7 other tradesmen, victory favouring the former.

On the 8th inst., Captain John Kirk, of the "Betsy" of Douglas, Isle of Man, died suddenly at Thurso through the bursting of a blood-vessel.

Prince and Princess Leichtenstein arrived at Dunrobin Castle, on their marriage tour, on the 2nd inst., where they were to stay for some days.

Mr. Forbes, Jail Governor, Dornoch, has, in consequence of declining health, tendered his resignation, after a faithful and acceptable service of 20 years.

On the 29th ult., a number of friends presented Mr. Hugh Sutherland, Clashmore, with a purse of sovereigns on the occasion of his leaving for Australia.

The *Northern Ensign* says that in referring to the Scotch Education Bill, a popular northern divine gave out that in his opinion the only parties engaged upon the original draft were the Lord Advocate and his father, the Devil!

The Currie Club prize, open for competition to all students attending the E. C. Training College, Edinburgh, has just been won by Mr. James Stevens, senior student of that institution. Mr. Stevens was pupil teacher in the Barrock G. A. School, Bower.

INVERNESS AND ROSS.

A number of men have left Stornoway for the Hudson's Bay Company service.

The telegraph cable communicating the island of Lewis with the mainland at Poolwee has been laid successfully.

A destructive fire occurred at Carmoch, on Friday, which destroyed the bobbin mills of Mr. Jamie, only partially insured.

A requisition is being extensively signed to the directors of the Highland and Agricultural Society, in favor of having their annual show held at Inverness in 1874.

The Procurator-Fiscal at Fort-William has submitted to the Board of Supervision the case of a man named John Kennedy, who had died in a low den in Fort-William from starvation.

The prosecution of the Stornoway herring fishing is this season attended with very little success. It is feared that 1872 will figure as the poorest fishing season that has occurred for the last ten years.

We made mention lately that our enterprising townsman, Mr. P. G. Wilson, had the honor to receive instructions to forward a selection of Scotch jewellery to her Royal Highness the Crown Princess of Prussia. He has now been honored by an acknowledgement from Berlin, intimating that a large selection of his jewellery has been approved. An order from Windsor Castle for similar jewellery has also been received by Mr. Wilson, whose handsome work seems popular in high quarters.—*Inverness Courier*.

FIFE AND PERTH.

It is reported that after her stay at Edinburgh Queen Victoria will pay a visit to St. Andrews.

The Rev. James G. Scott, of Hope Park U. P. Church, has resigned the editorship of the *C. P. Magazine*.

A miner named George Bower, while at work in Venterfair Pit, Welland Colliery, Dunfermline, was on the 31st inst., accidentally killed by a slip from the roof.

The contracts for the new bank and hotel, to be built by the Commercial Bank, Crieff, have been settled. The total cost is about £10,000.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Breadalbane has presented the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, of Colonsay, to the church and parish of Kenmore, vacant by the death of the Rev. Dr. Duff.

A man named Jas. Kennedy was run down and killed a short distance from the Ardler Station of the Caledonian Railway on the 2nd inst., by the Parliamentary train from Perth.

The wife of a launer named Patrick Lappan residing at Lassodie near Dunfermline, recently eloped with a young English waggon driver leaving behind her six children.

On the 31st inst., a young man named William Lindsay, son of a conductor in the West Coast Joint Service, was run over by a passenger train, while endeavouring to jump on the engine while the train was in motion. He died a few hours afterwards.

MORAY AND NAIRN.

Provost Cameron, Elgin, has been appointed Clerk to the Justices of the Peace, and Clerk of the Lieutenantcy, in room of the late James Grant, Esq.

The annual gathering for athletic games at Nairn will probably be held this year on the 10th of August. The fine new baths at Nairn are expected to be opened on the same date.

At a recent meeting of the Parochial Board of Cairnie, the late inspector, the Rev. Mr. Wilson, teacher of the parish school, handed to his successor, together with the books, a sum of £150 surplus.

At a Meeting of the U. P. Presbytery of London, on Tuesday last, the Rev. J. M. Erskine, late of Burghhead, was inducted to the pastorate of Bow Church, London. At the close of the services, the newly inducted pastor received a cordial welcome from the members of the congregation. Mr. Erskine was introduced to his new charge on Sunday last by the Rev. Adam Lund, Elgin.

LANARK AND RENFREW.

George Graham, a private in the Lanark militia, has been fined £2 for absenting himself from this year's training.

On the 28th ult., a collier named James Wright had his right leg broken by an accident at Garrongill colliery Wishaw.

A man named Thomas Barrie, residing near Lesmahow, dropped down dead while wheeling a barrow in the exercise of his employment.

A boy named Alex. McIndoe, six years of age, who resided with friends at Blacklaw Mill, near Paisley, was killed on the 2nd inst., by being struck by a milk-barrel thrown from a cart.

Charles Mackay, a joiner, twenty-two years of age, was drowned while bathing in a piece of water near Houston, known as Finlay's Dam, on the 5th inst.

On Monday, we reported the death of the Rev. William Gaff, Johnstone, and we are now informed that his wife was so much affected by the death of her husband that she died yesterday. Both lie at the manse, and a mournful feeling pervades the community.—*Glasgow Herald*.

BERWICK AND ROXBURGH.

James Birse, footman to the Duke of Roxburg, was drowned in the Tweed whilst bathing on the 5th inst.

Among the names to be submitted to the congregation of the Barony Church, Glasgow, for the appointment of a pastor in room of the late Dr. Macleod is that of the Rev. Mr. John Macleod, of Dunse.

On the 7th inst., James Elliot, farm-servant with Mr. Amos, Earlside, near Hawick, was attacked by one of the bulls on the farm, and gored so severely in the groin that he died two days afterwards.

Recently a presentation of a purse of guineas was made to Mr. Pringle, M. R. C. P., the head master of Wintholme College, who is about to leave there to begin, in conjunction with Mr. Stewart, M. A., the classical master, a boarding school in Blackburn (Ravenswing College).

ABERDEENSHIRE.

Telegraphic communication has been opened to Rosneath.

Mr Dawson, contractor, Fatterneer, has got the contract for the Kintore Sewerage works. Mr. Rodger, C. E., Aberdeen, is the Engineer.

One day last week, a cow, belonging to Mr. John Steel, blacksmith, Tulloch of Meldrum, gave birth to three calves, all full grown, equal sized—two bulls and a heifer. All are lively and doing well.

Grace McLaughlan, servant at Bogcross, Furey, died suddenly, on the 2nd inst., of disease of the heart.

Mr. J. W. Barclay, one of the defeated candidates for the representation of the city of Aberdeen, was waited upon by a number of gentlemen who offered to defray his election expenses. Mr. B. declined.

The following candidates passed their examinations before the Local Marine Board, at Aberdeen, on Thursday:—Master—John Stephen, Aberdeen. First Mate—John Munro, Findhorn. Only Mate—James Findlay, Burghhead.

BANFFSHIRE.

Mrs. and Miss Lumsden have arrived at Pitcaple Castle for the season.

M. T. Bass, Esq., M. P., arrived at Tulchan Lodge, Advie, Strathspey, on Wednesday last, for a week's fishing.

Mrs. Gordon of Park, Misses Gordon, and Mrs. Macdowall of Garthland have arrived at Banff for the bathing season.

Mr. Pirie, formerly goods porter, has been appointed agent at the Banff

Bridge railway station. Mr. James Macintosh, eldest son of the late agent at Banff and Macduff station, has been transferred from King-Edward station to be ticket-clerk.

Mr. Alex. Brown, a native of Banff, whose energy and ability have been applied for many years to the improvement of land and the management of extensive coffee estates in Ceylon, has published 'The Coffee Planters Manual,' a very useful compendium of information.

The Parish Church of Macduff, since rebuilt some years ago, is seated for 1200. It has had a succession of talented ministers, and its numbers have gone on increasing. There is not now, it is said, a single seat remaining unlet. From this source alone an income of £125 is derived. Last Sabbath there was (including one in the vestry) eleven baptisms in the church—one couple contributing two to the number, and other two of the children being grand children of another worthy couple.

At a meeting of the electors of the parish of Inverkeithing, on Saturday last, Mr. Walker, farmer, Hendtown of Auchingoul, and Mr. William Gordon, farmer, Mansfield, were re-elected members of the Parochial Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Dyce Nichol, M. P., is reported to be unwell. The London correspondent of the 'Dumfries Advertiser' says it is considered not unlikely that he may resign Kincairdineshire at no distant date. The same correspondent says that Mr. R. W. Duff, presently member for Banffshire, is spoken of as a possible successor.

Ireland.

It is proposed to invite the ex-Emperor and Empress of the French to visit the Dublin Exhibition on the 15th of August, the Emperor's fête day.

Meetings are being held to promote the building of a narrow gauge railway from Laral, via the Six-mile-water Valley, to Antrim. The gauge is to be 3 feet.

In a factious fight between the Killarney and Tralee detachments of the Kerry Militia, in which about fifty were engaged, two men were dangerously wounded.

At the Tipperary Assizes, last week, Palmer and Kirwan were sentenced respectively to 20 and 10 years' penal servitude, for shooting the manager and clerk of the National Bank, Nenagh.

Two armed men, with their faces blackened, entered the house of a farmer in County Meath, on the 7th inst.—The farmer fired at and wounded the ring-leader, and the intruders made off.

Three men on board a vessel lying in the canal at Portobello, Dublin, had a quarrel on the 6th inst., when one of them set fire to the berth in which the other two lay, and one was burned to death.

The County Donegal Policeman, who was shot at by a person named Hunter, while conveying a drunken man to prison, has died of his wounds. An inquest has been held, and, meantime, Hunter is in custody.

The experiment of growing tea in India is proving quite successful. In 1862 the crop was estimated at 1,000,000 pounds; in 1871 at something over 20,000,000. It is claimed that India can now compete with China in producing teas of the best quality.

Dr. M'Hale, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Galway, has suspended the Rev. P. Walsh, curate, (who gave evidence in the case of the Galway election petition in favor of Captain French) from performing any sacerdotal functions within the limits of the diocese.

The total amount collected at the opening service in St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, Belfast, amounted to £777.90. Concluding services were conducted on Sabbath last by Dr. Brown, of St. Enoch's Established Church, Glasgow. The attendance, as at all the previous services, was very large; the house being completely filled both morning and evening. The oratory of the preacher was very commanding, and was massive and elaborate, and was calculated to awaken and leave a deep impression.

Foreign.

Fresh efforts are making to induce the Pope to leave Rome, and it is said that Mgr. de Merode has offered him a vast estate near Brussels. The Italian cardinals are, however, opposed to the project.

A decree of Amalens, countersigned by the new minister of grace and justice, suspends all payments hitherto made to the clergy of Spain. This is the first application of Cavour's maxims of "a free church in a free state."

The *Lancet* reports a tremendous hailstorm in the Province of Adrianople. The stones were of the size of walnuts, killed 2,000 sheep, 30 cows, and 10 horses, besides partially destroying the crops of 14 villages.

England.

A marriage is arranged to take place this month between Mr. James Milward and Miss Agnes Gordon, fourth daughter of Lord and Lady Cecil Gordon.

A deputation headed by Sir Robert Collier has had an interview with the Chancellor of the Exchequer on the subject of the purchase, for the national collection, of the outlines by the late John Leech.

A stained glass window has just been placed in the chancel of the Berkhamstead parish church, to the memory of the poet Cowper, who was born in Berkhamstead, and whose father and mother are buried in the chancel.

The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland were honored on Monday evening last week by the presence of their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales at dinner at Stafford House St. James's.

In future, if Working Men's clubs selling excisable liquors deposit a copy of their rules with the Board of Inland Revenue, and adhere to them if approved by that body, those institutions will be quite secure from prosecution.

Queen Victoria has been pleased to intimate her intention of conferring the honor of knighthood on Mr. J. Gilbert Scott, the eminent architect, on the occasion of the completion of the Prince Consort's national memorial in Hyde Park.

William Turner, aged twenty, a clerk in the Civil Service, has been sent to prison for three months for stealing various articles of jewellery and other property from the rooms of some old school-fellows at Christ Church and Pembroke Colleges.

The *Rock* says that among other movements to which the Bennett judgment seems destined to give a fillip, that for the interchange of pulpits between clergymen of the Church of England and their Nonconformist brethren is not the least important.

A great strike has taken place in the northern iron trade, the whole of the ironworks at Stockton and Middlesbrough being stopped in consequence of a dispute with the puddlers on a question of wages, the men having demanded an advance of 15 per cent.

Being without steam or horse power, Mr. C. How, of Crammy Dubb, Horusby Gate, Cumberland, on Saturday morning last, yoked himself in his own cart and dragged it to Carlisle market, a distance of 12 miles, where he arrived before the market commenced.

Dean Stanley had an appointment to preach last Sunday in the Presbyterian church in St. Andrews, Scotland. This is not the first time he has officiated in a Presbyterian pulpit, and suggests the question when he will reciprocate by inviting a Presbyterian to occupy his Westminster pulpit.

Lord Dalhousie conducted the evangelical services in the Agricultural Hall, Islington, London, on Sunday. He chose as the subject of his discourse the 37th Psalm, and in the course of his sermon declared that if the prevalent neglect of religion was not arrested it must lead to the ruin of the country and the loss of our national liberties. At the close of the service it was stated that the Marquis of Lorne will preside and deliver an address on an early day at one of these evangelistic gatherings. His lordship sent a kind note on Saturday to Mr. Davidson, expressing his regret that he had not been able to do so sooner, but promising to fulfil his promise to officiate on an early Sunday.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Dr. Aglen of the Scottish Episcopal Church have incurred the censure of a Mr. Kenneth Bruce Stewart, a correspondent of the *Church Herald*. He says that both these gentlemen have gone out of their way to allude very feelingly to the death of Dr. Norman MacLeod, and in doing so have wandered altogether from the beaten track alike prescribed by usage and good judgment. "Why," he asks, "should Episcopal Churches take notice in this conspicuous manner of the death of a mere layman—for, most unquestionably, although conventional courtesy gave him the title of 'Rev.,' he was, in a nice ecclesiastical sense, no more?"

The English Ballot Bill does away with nomination day, with its speech-making, hand-showing, rotten egging, and often riotous party demonstrations. The hustings will hereafter be but the name of a past institution, and will be used only in a figurative sense. To become a candidate will simply require the delivery to the sheriff of a written notice of nomination, signed by two electors, and eight others assenting thereto; and should there be no more candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, a declaration will be made that the nominees are the candidates that have been elected. But if there be more than the requisite number, then the returning officer will appoint a day for the poll.

Canada.

The Air Line Railway is now ready for the ties.

Two children were carried over the Niagara Falls on the 26th ult.

Mr. Duncan Cleghorn, a prominent citizen of Port Hope, died very suddenly on the 27th ult.

The Rev. Dr. Jenkins, of St. Paul's Church, Montreal, has returned from Europe. He resumes his pastoral work, we are pleased to learn, much invigorated by his trip.

The *Montreal* says:—The population of Winnipeg, as ascertained by the school assessors, amounts to 773. This shows a ratio of increase which, if kept up for ten years, would give us a population of some three or four millions. A smaller ratio will do, however.

We are glad to notice, says the *Montreal Gazette*, that Mr. G. M. Dawson, son of Principal Dawson of McGill College, has just taken high honors at the Royal School of Mines, where he is now studying. The Associateship was conferred upon him in the mining and geological divisions, and he carried off the Edward Forbes medal and prize of books in natural history and paleontology. We are quite sure that our readers will feel proud at the honors carried by a Montrealer, and will congratulate themselves that the eminent abilities of Principal Dawson are being thus inherited by his son.

United States.

The Presbyterians have organized a theological seminary in San Francisco, and there are four students in attendance.

The practice of paying the minister's salary in advance in monthly instalments is gaining favor among the Presbyterians in the United States. It is said to be easier for the church and best for the preacher.

JOHN STUART MILL.

We regard Mr. Mill both as the product and the exponent of peaceful times, the best intellectual oracle of England's best sustained conditions. He has done good work for his generation, whether that generation appreciates it or not. He has reconstructed the groundwork of thought for his countrymen. He has reinvestigated the origin of ideas and revised the laws of reasoning, setting forth in his system of logic the superior value of the aggregate social experience of man to mere individual consciousness. He has taken up ideas once rejected with ridicule, as in the matter of population, and shown them to be cardinal principles in all speculations concerning human improvement. He has shown that the welfare and happiness of society are dependent on common interests rather than on dogmas and faith; that labor and capital are related and not antagonistic; and that this order of progress is one in which moral and material forces are inseparably blended. He has borrowed and adapted fresh thought from foreign minds, and done more than any other native author to remove English prejudice and English intolerance. He has maintained the rights of women and advocated the cause of the poor. He is one of a few refined and cultivated men who are able to enter into the feelings of the working-classes and guide them aright in political contests. Concessions have probably been obtained through deference to his position which in other times and places have been the result of force. If not the only man who has aided them in this respect, he is one of the most influential. All this and much more Mr. Mill has done for his generation, and not merely for England, but for all who, like ourselves, believe in and develop representative institutions. He is an authority with all thinking men on all sides of the great ocean which divides the English speaking family; one who will be quoted in the future in all discussions of liberal opinions and theories of political freedom; a safe guide because temperate in speech, faithful to established principles, and always seeking for new suggestions in the sanctions of natural law. Only times of social repose, when the dogs of war are chained, give birth to minds of this kind; and long may they continue.—*Galaxy*.

A FINANCIAL PHILOSOPHER.

On one occasion a sma' laird was waited on by a neighbor to request his name as an accommodation to a bit bill for £20, at three months, which led to the following characteristic colloquy: "Na, na, I canna do that." "Why for no, laird? ye hae done the same thing for others." "Aye, aye, Tammas; but there's wheels within wheels ye ken naething about; I canna do't." "It's a sma' affair to refuse me, laird." "Weel, ye see, Tammas, if I was to pit my name till't, ye wad get the siller frae the bank, and when the time cam round ye wadna be ready, and I wad hae to pay't, sae then ye wad me wad quarrel; sae we may as weel quarrel the noo as long as the siller's in ma pouch."